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Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204 Washington, DC 20554

Re: <u>Ex parte</u>, in the matter of: CC Docket No. 96-128, The Payphone Reclassification and Compensation and Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Ms. Dortch:

AT&T hereby submits this written Ex Parte in response to the Wireline Competition Bureau staff request for assurance as to the reasonableness of the process that AT&T will employ for payment to PSP's on behalf of SBRs that agree to have AT&T pay on 100% of delivered payphone calls. This process provides for payment to the PSPs, by AT&T, as long as AT&T and the SBR mutually agree to the 100% payment arrangement. The attached proposed notice, which will be posted on the NPC website, describes that process.

Sincerely,

CC:

Darryl Cooper Denise Coca William Dever Michelle Carey Jeffery Carlisle

Attachment



Date: (Date)

To: Payphone Service Providers

Subject: AT&T Network Connection - Toll Free SBR Customer's who have asked AT&T to pay on 100% delivered Payphone calls on their behalf

Pursuant to the FCC's Payphone Order, AT&T is making two Options available to its AT&T Network Connection Toll Free Switched Based Reseller ("SBR") Customer ("SBR Customer"). Option 1 provides for the SBR to pay payphone compensation directly to the PSPs. Option 2 provides for AT&T to pay the PSPs on behalf of the SBR on 100% of all delivered (Complete and Not Complete) payphone compensation calls to the SBR's platform. Option 1 is the option all SBR Customers will default to unless they specifically request Option 2.

This letter is to notify the PSPs of the process AT&T will utilize for providing notice to the PSPs as to which SBR Customer selects Option 2 for some or all of its SBR IDs (generally CIC code) and how AT&T will notify the PSPs of any subsequent selection changes its SBR Customer may make between Options. In the normal quarterly submissions, as set forth in the *Payphone Order*, AT&T will identify by SBR ID (1) if AT&T is paying payphone compensation as an Intermediate Carrier on 100% of all delivered payphone compensation calls for those SBRs choosing Option 2; or (2) provide Intermediate Carrier payphone information for SBRs under Option 1. If a SBR changes the status of IDs between Options or AT&T becomes unwilling to implement Option 2 for a SBR, AT&T will notify the PSPs by requesting that the NPC post a notice on its website. Such notice will include the SBR IDs which will be processed in accordance with Option 1. The change will be effective on the date AT&T submits its notice to the NPC and, for traffic sent by that SBR ID from that date forward, AT&T will have no further payment obligations to the PSPs.

For Option 2, AT&T agrees to pay, on the SBRs' behalf, on 100% of all delivered payphone compensable calls (Complete and Not Complete) until the NPC receives notice that the SBR IDs are now being processed as Option 1. Since PSPs will be compensated for all delivered payphone calls, AT&T anticipates that this proposal will be mutually beneficial.

This letter will be posted on the NPC web page in order to notify the PSPs that certain SBRs have agreed to have AT&T pay on their behalf on 100% of the delivered payphone calls. Therefore, unless AT&T receives notification from any PSP that it does not wish to be compensated in this way, AT&T will implement this proposal.

Thank you,

Diane Parisi AT&T Network Connection-Toll Free Services Product Manager

¹ In the Matter of The Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128, Report and Order, FCC 03-235, released October 3, 2003 ("Payphone Order"). A summary of the Payphone Order was published in the Federal Register on November 6, 2003. See 68 Fed. Reg. 62751.